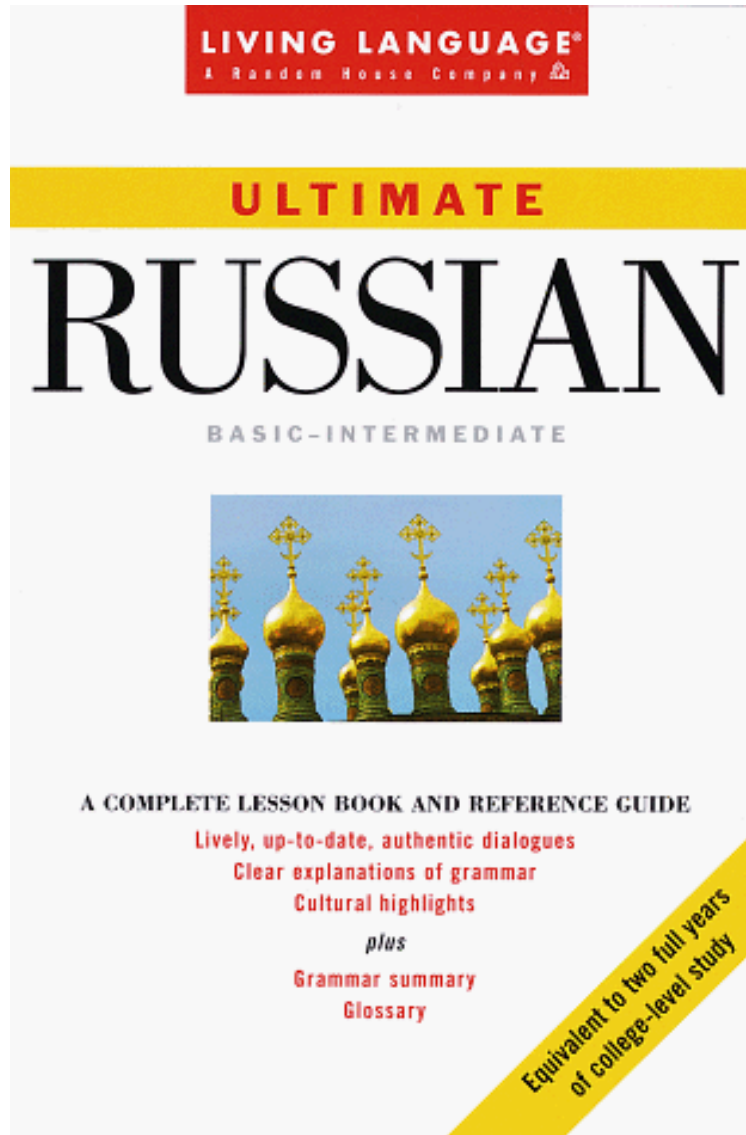


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CustomerI already have a relatively good command of written and conversational Russian, but chose to start with the Beginner-Intermediate course in order to solidify my grasp of the language's very difficult grammar and learn up-to-date idioms. This is definitely the best self-study course for those who are serious about wanting to achieve a high level of Russian ability. For once, the description on the package is not an exaggeration. The contents of the course really are "Equivalent to two full years of college-level study." That said, it would really behoove the authors and editors of this course to re-edit it with the proverbial fine-tooth comb, as there are many mistakes and omissions, especially in the keys to the exercises. Sometimes entire parts of exercises are missing in the keys. And sometimes the exercises ask the student to translate phrases that are not presented until the following lesson. Especially vexing is the fact that the all-important stress on the proper syllable is often misplaced. If these errors are corrected in future editions of the course, I would say that it would then fully deserve a "five-star" rating. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Very good - for those who know Russian already. By H. A. I am reviewing Russian after many years, and I located used copies of this and of the Advanced level. They can be obtained from and also ebay. Cassettes are available, that can then be digitized. The book has mistakes, and someone who does not know Russian at all will be confused. And for the beginner it probably goes too fast, unless the person is a gifted learner. But it has very detailed and clear explanations of grammar, which other books don't. Even the 1960s-70s textbooks that were good at that did not have such detailed explanations. And the recordings have considerable clarity and repetition. (They could be slower, but no recording I know has done this well.) If you find this set for \$10-15, it's worth buying, provided that you are learning from somewhere else also. 15 of 17 people found the following review helpful. Could be better (but could also be worse). By Oscar Arguijo I'm thoroughly impressed with this Russian course, as well as with all the other Living Language Ultimate courses. They're more modern, streamlined, and complete than any other commercially available self-study language courses on the market. So why did I give it only a four-star rating? Why not five? Because it's really nothing more than an extended version of Living Language's own Complete Russian Course. The Ultimate course follows along the same trite "listen and repeat" lines as the Complete course. The main differences are: The Ultimate course assumes the student has at least a basic grasp of the Russian (Cyrillic) alphabet, and how each letter is pronounced. As a result, whereas the Complete course begins with names and personal words to "baby-step" the student into how Russian sounds and works, the Ultimate course's lessons begin with a dialogue to get the feel of the language. I guess this is a theoretically better approach to language learning, but it will likely leave the student with no idea of how to pronounce the language lagging a bit behind at the start. When it comes time to repeat the words, there isn't much time to say it (you get what seems like just one second of silence to voice your response), especially on the cassettes designated for listening "On The Go." I'd advise the beginning student to make frequent use of his cassette player's pause button while enduring these exercises. When a reasonable proficiency is achieved, it might be worthwhile to simply let the cassette play and see if he can speak the correct response in that short silent interval. All things considered, it's still one heck of a way to learn Russian, or any of the other languages available in the Ultimate course series. Just keep an open mind and maintain your enthusiasm--and you'll succeed. FYI, as an alternative self-study course, I'd recommend "Just Listen n' Learn Russian," published by Passport Books (NTC Publishing Group).

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